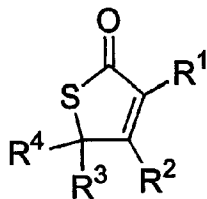


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula I:



I

wherein:

R¹ = H

R² = -OH, -OR⁵, -OCH₂C(O)R⁵, -OCH₂C(O)NHR⁵, -OC(O)R⁵, -OC(O)OR⁵,
-OC(O)NHNH-R⁵, or -OC(O)NR⁵R⁶, where R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently H, C₁-C₂₀
alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or alkylaryl, and where R⁵ and R⁶ can
each optionally contain halogen atoms;

R³ and R⁴, the same or different from each other, are H, C₁-C₂₀ alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl,
arylalkyl, or alkylaryl;

with the proviso that when R² is -OH, -OCH₃, or -OC(O)CF₃ and R³ is -CH₃, then R⁴ is not
-CH₂CH₂OH, -CH₂(C₆H₅), or -CH=CH-CH₃, and

the further proviso that when R³ is -CH₂-(C₆H₅), then R⁴ is not -CH₃ or -CH₂CH₃.

2. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R⁵ is H, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl,
cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl or alkylaryl.

3. (Original) A compound according to claim 2, wherein R⁵ is H, or C₁-C₁₀ alkyl.

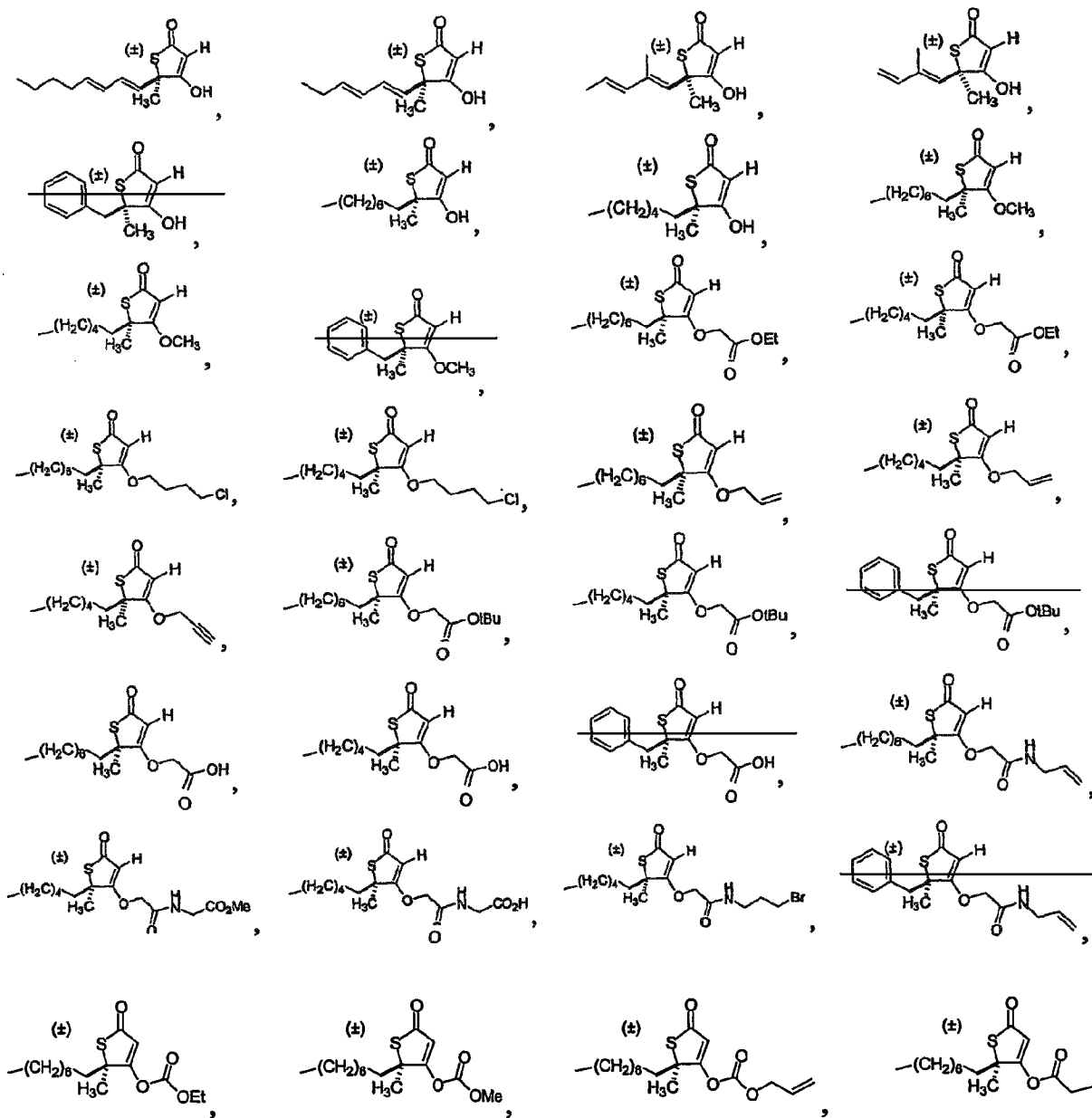
4. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R³ and R⁴ are each independently H,
C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or alkylaryl.

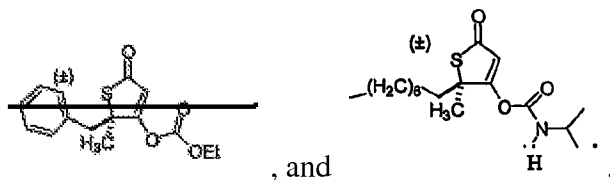
5. (Original) A compound according to claim 4, wherein R³ and R⁴ are each independently H,
or C₁-C₁₀ alkyl.

6. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1, wherein, R^3 is $-H$ or $-\underline{CH_3} \text{ } \overline{CH_3}$.

7. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R^4 is $-nC_6-C_8$ alkyl.

8. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:





9-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutical diluent and a compound of formula I.

19-55. (Cancelled)

56. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, where:

R^1 is H;

R^2 is $-\text{OCH}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NHR}^5$, where R^5 is C_1 - C_{10} aryl containing a halogen atom;

R^3 is $-\text{CH}_3$; and

R^4 is $-\text{n-C}_6\text{-C}_8$ alkyl.

57. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutical diluent and the compound of claim 56.

58-66. (Cancelled)